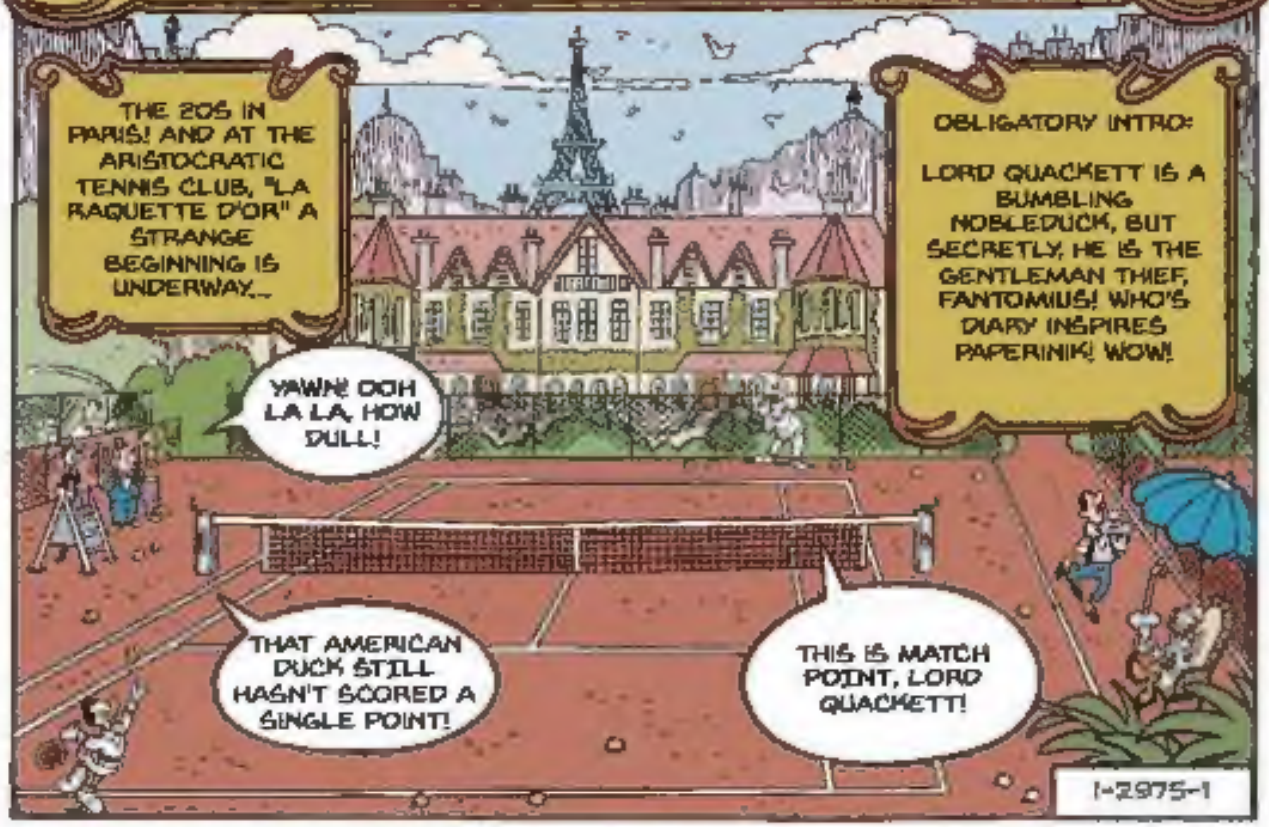
Walt Disney

LE STRABILIANTI IMPRESE DI FANTOMIUS -LADRO GENTILUOMO-


THE 20S IN PARIS! AND AT THE ARISTOCRATIC TENNIS CLUB, "LA RAQUETTE D'OR" A STRANGE BEGINNING IS UNDERWAY...
OBLIGATORY INTRO:
LORD QUACKETT IS A BUMBLING NOBLEDUCK, BUT SECRETLY, HE IS THE GENTLEMAN THIEF, FANTOMIUS! WHO'S DIARY INSPIRES PAPERINIK! WOW!
YAWN! OOH LA LA, HOW DULL!
THAT AMERICAN DUCK STILL HASN'T SCORED A SINGLE POINT!
THIS IS MATCH POINT, LORD QUACKETT!
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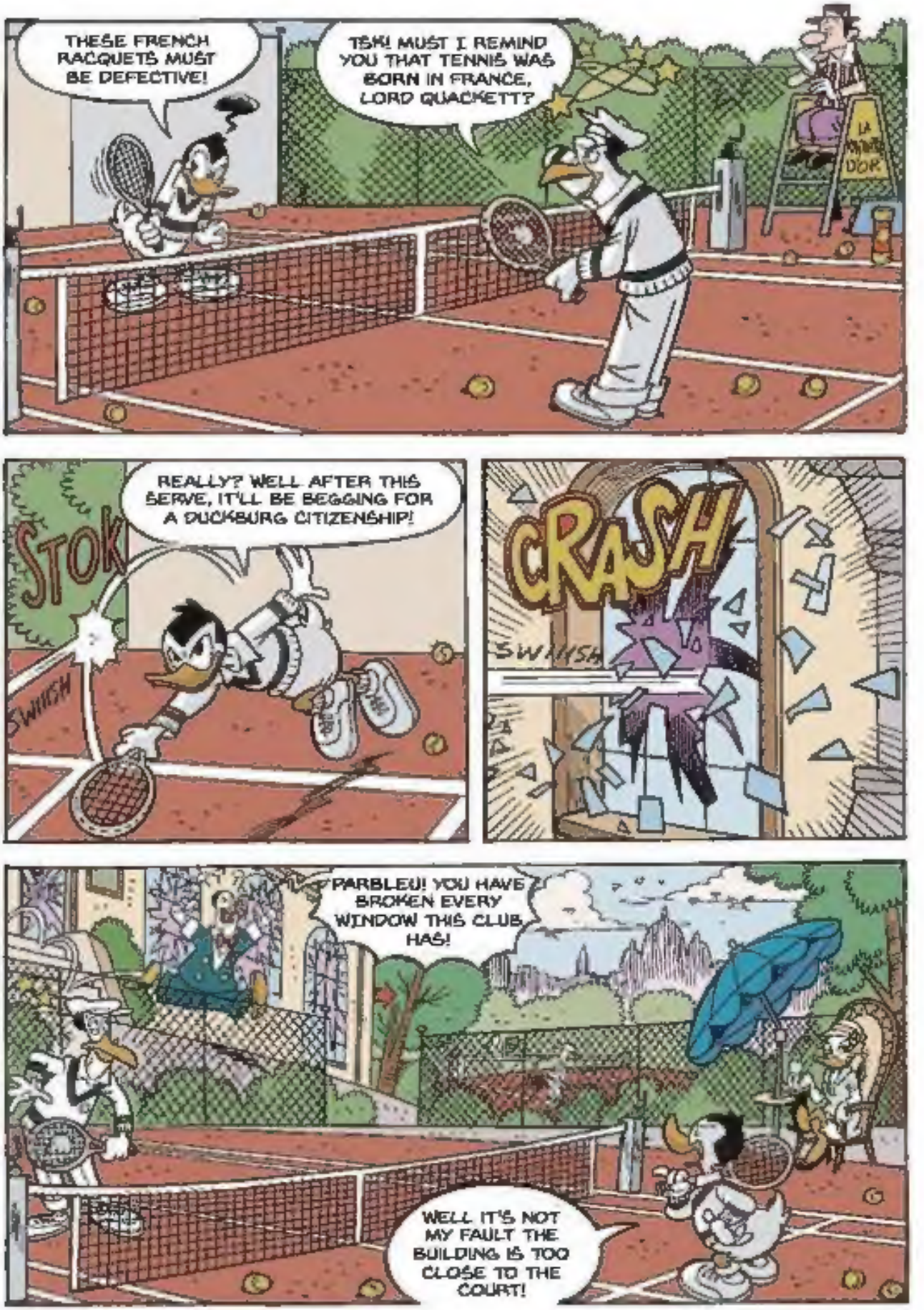
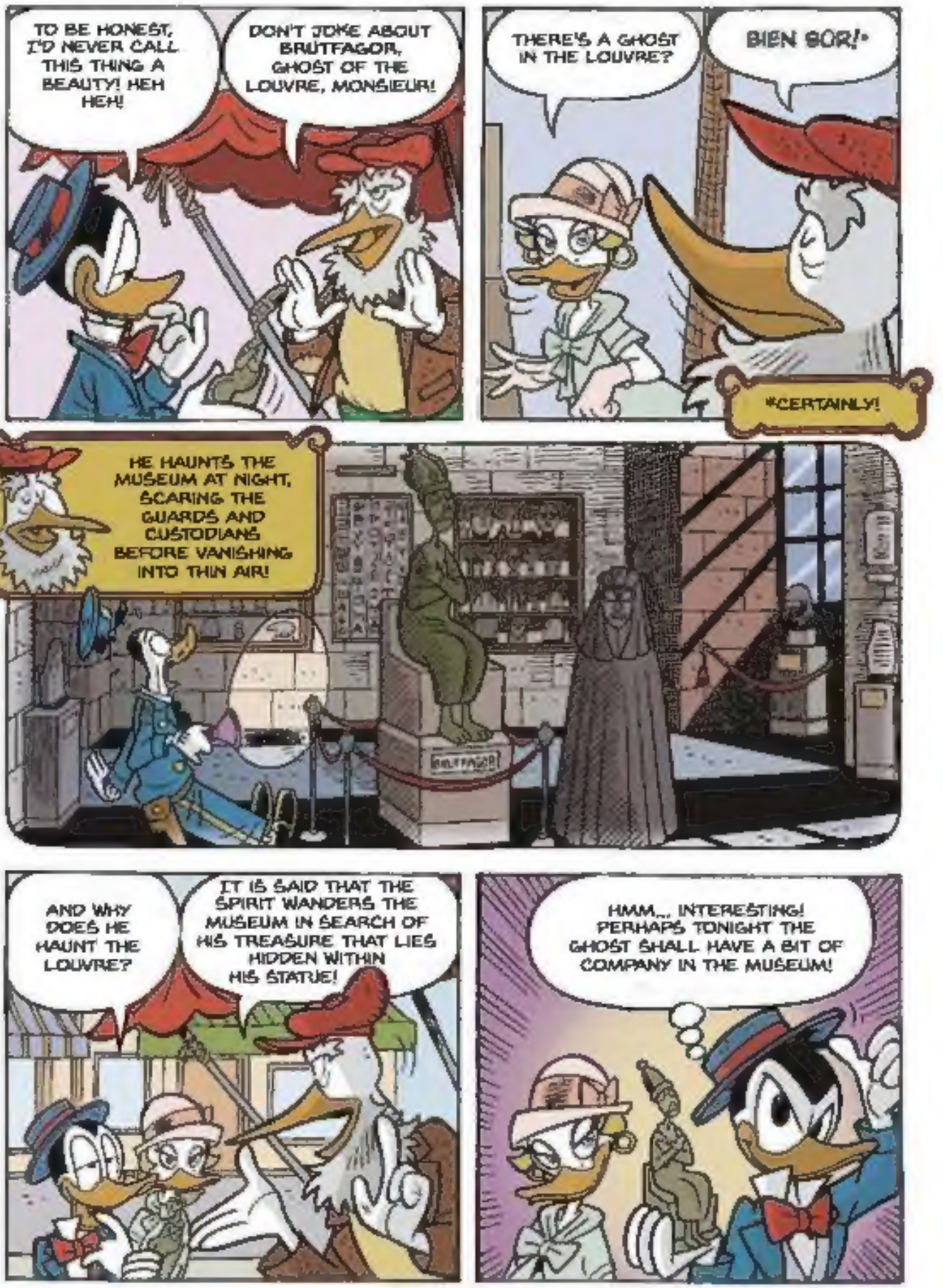
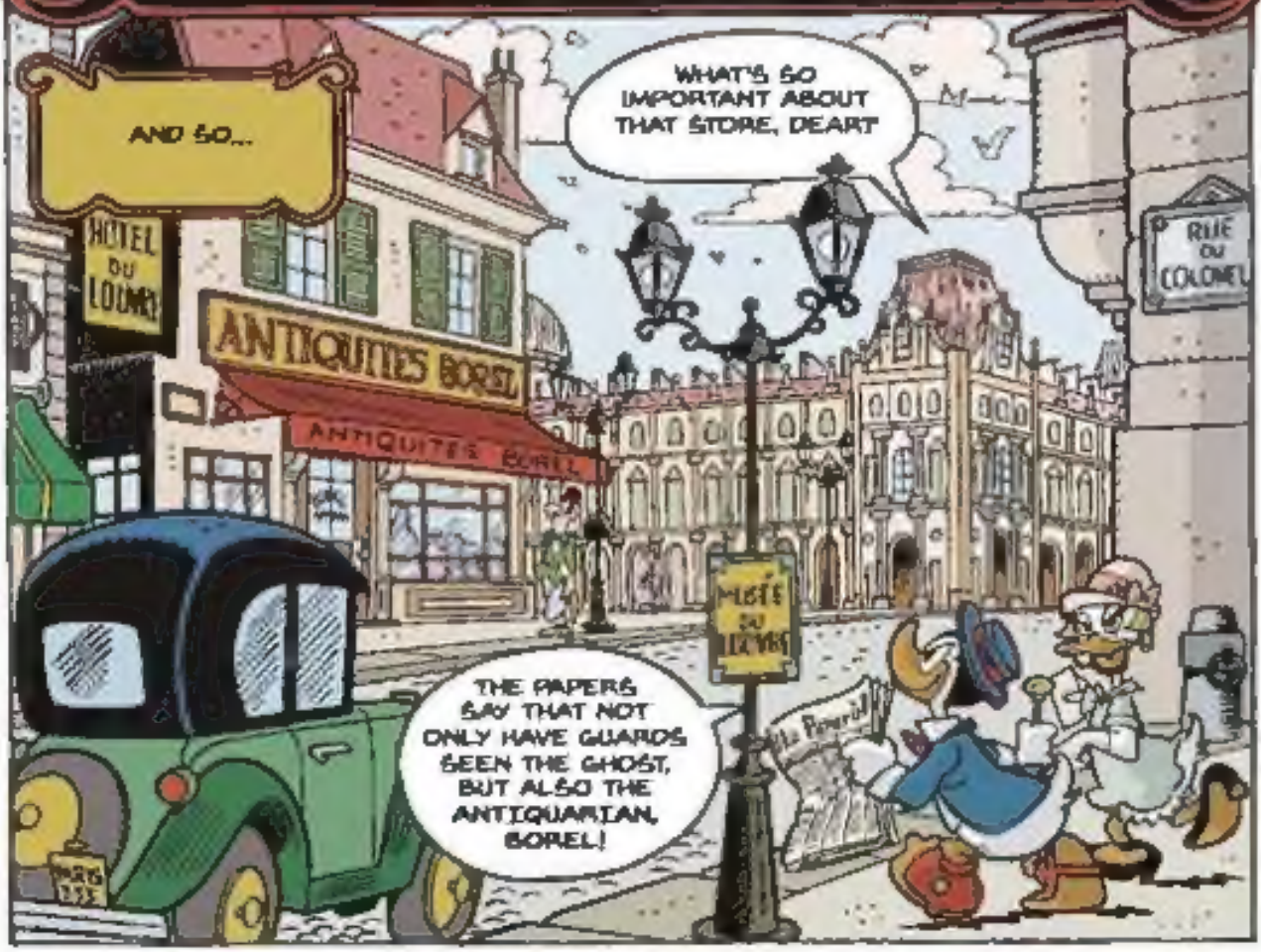

THESE FRENCH RACQUETS MUST BE DEFECTIVE!
TSK! MUST I REMIND YOU THAT TENNIS WAS BORN IN FRANCE, LORD QUACKETT?
LA FAUTE DOK
REALLY? WELL AFTER THIS SERVE, IT'LL BE BEGGING FOR A DUCKBURG CITIZENSHIP!
STOK
SWIISH
CRASH
SWIISH
PARBLEU! YOU HAVE BROKEN EVERY WINDOW THIS CLUB HAS!
WELL IT'S NOT MY FAULT THE BUILDING IS TOO CLOSE TO THE COURT!

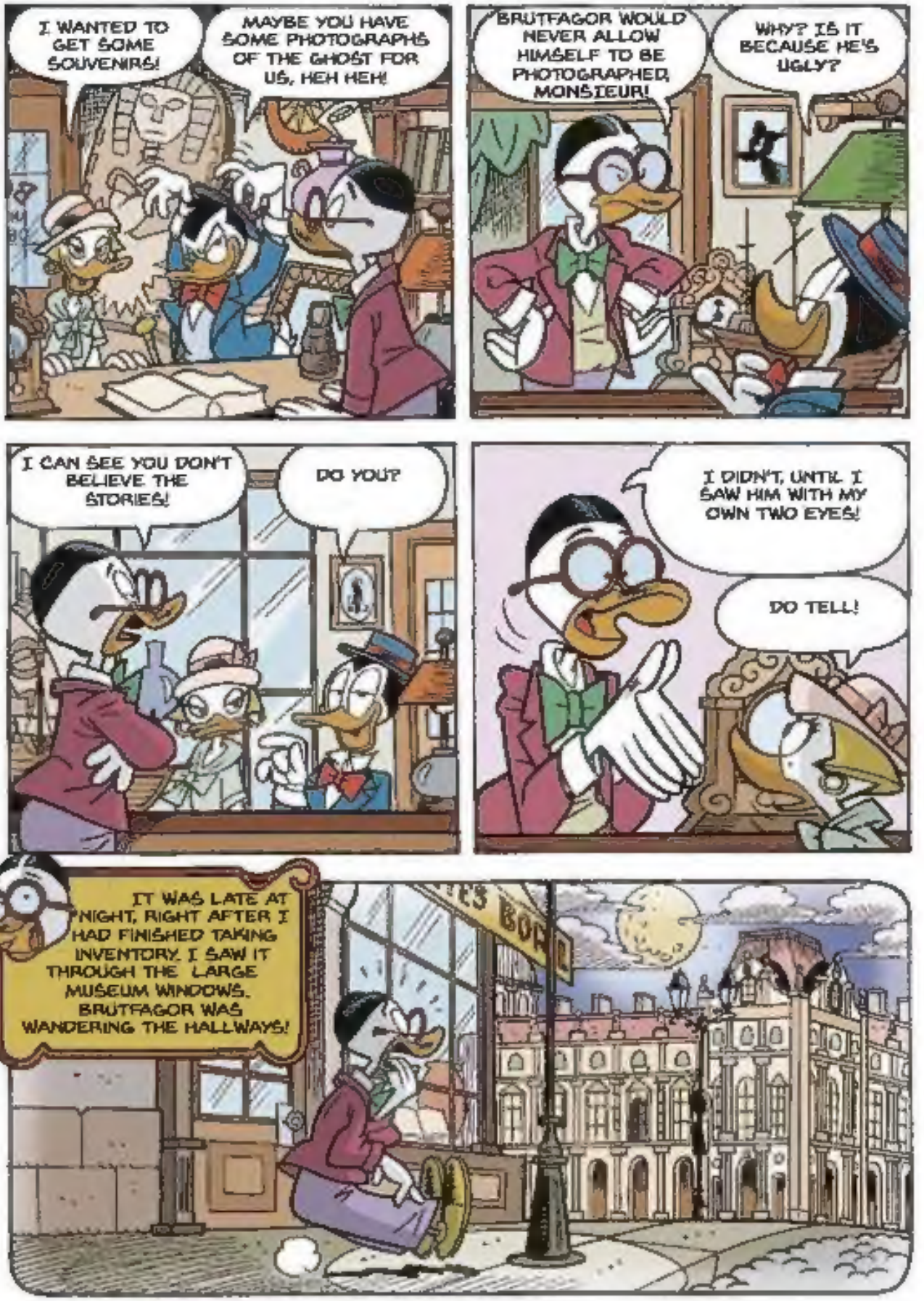
AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, THE COURT'S FAR TOO SHORT!
GRRR! GET OUT OF HERE AND NEVER RETURN!
BAH! LET'S GO, DOLLY! THESE FRENCHMEN ARE REALLY PUSHING MY LIMIT!
A LITTLE LATER...
I LOVE THE MONTMARTRE MARKETPLACE! THERE'S SO MANY BEAUTIFUL THINGS HERE! JUST LOOK AT THAT STATUETTE!
IT'S BRUTFAGOR, AN ANCIENT GOD OF DECEPTION, MADEMOISELLE! IT'S A MINIATURE COPY OF THE ONE IN THE LOUVRE!
BOULANGERIE VIENNOISE
JOUR HOTEL
REST


TO BE HONEST, I'D NEVER CALL THIS THING A BEAUTY! HEH HEH!
DON'T JOKE ABOUT BRUTFAGOR, GHOST OF THE LOUVRE, MONSIEUR!
THERE'S A GHOST IN THE LOUVRE?
BIEN SÛR!*
*CERTAINLY!
HE HAUNTS THE MUSEUM AT NIGHT, SCARING THE GUARDS AND CUSTODIANS BEFORE VANISHING INTO THIN AIR!
AND WHY DOES HE HAUNT THE LOUVRE?
IT IS SAID THAT THE SPIRIT WANDERS THE MUSEUM IN SEARCH OF HIS TREASURE THAT LIES HIDDEN WITHIN HIS STATUE!
HMM... INTERESTING! PERHAPS TONIGHT THE GHOST SHALL HAVE A BIT OF COMPANY IN THE MUSEUM!

BRUTFAGOR


AND SO...
HOTEL DU LOUVRE
ANTIQUITES BOREL
ANTIQUITES BOREL
RUE DU COLONEL
WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THAT STORE, DEART
THE PAPERS SAY THAT NOT ONLY HAVE GUARDS SEEN THE GHOST, BUT ALSO THE ANTIQUARIAN, BOREL!

SO I THOUGHT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET SOME MORE INFORMATION!
BONJOUR, ARE YOU LOOKING FOR ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR?


I WANTED TO GET SOME SOUVENIRS!
MAYBE YOU HAVE SOME PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GHOST FOR US, HEH HEH!
BRUTFAGOR WOULD NEVER ALLOW HIMSELF TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED, MONSIEUR!
WHY? IS IT BECAUSE HE'S UGLY?
I CAN SEE YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE STORIES!
DO YOU?
I DIDN'T, UNTIL I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN TWO EYES!
DO TELL!
IT WAS LATE AT NIGHT, RIGHT AFTER I HAD FINISHED TAKING INVENTORY. I SAW IT THROUGH THE LARGE MUSEUM WINDOWS. BRUTFAGOR WAS WANDERING THE HALLWAYS!

THEN, HE SUDDENLY LET OUT A WICKED LAUGH AND DISAPPEARED!
BRRR!
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE AFRAID, DARLING! A LAUGH HAS NEVER HURT ANYONE!
YOU ONLY SAY THAT BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD IT...
DLINZ
BONJOUR!
ANTIQUAIRE OBJETS D'ART
WHY, YOU'RE DUCKULE POIROT! THE FAMOUS FRENCH DETECTIVE!
THE FAMOUS BELGIAN DETECTIVE!
HOW COME YOU'RE IN PARIS?
I'M HERE TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF BRUTFAGOR, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

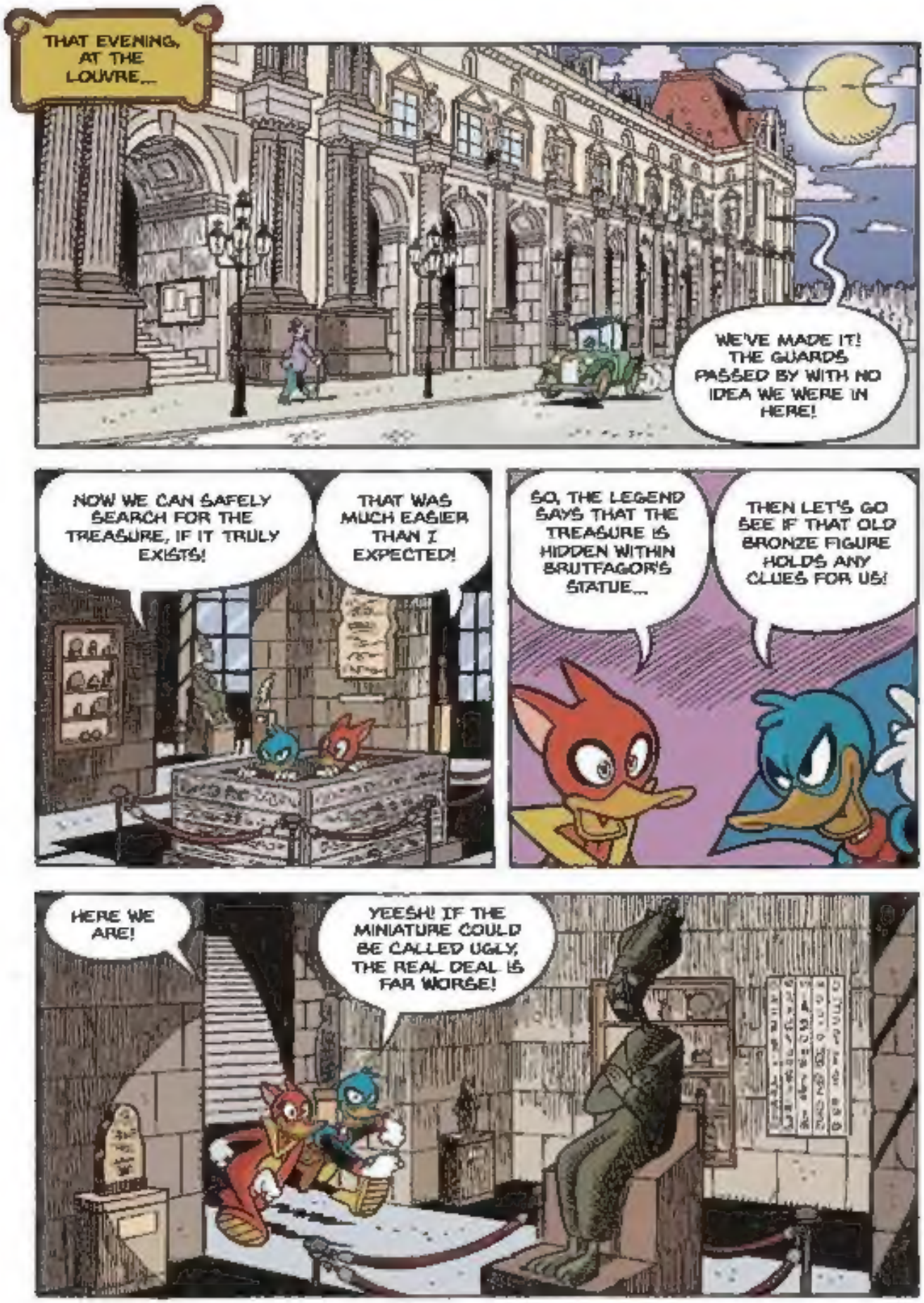
AND I TAKE IT YOU ARE ON VACATION, MONSIEUR...
LORD QUACKETT! AND THIS LOVELY LADY IS MY GIRLFRIEND, DOLLY!

ENCHANTE! AND WHERE DOES THIS BEAUTIFUL DUCK HAIL FROM?
DUCKBURG!

AH! THE CITY OF FANTOMIUS, THE GENTLEMAN THIEF!
PRECISELY!

THE LOCAL POLICE STILL HAVEN'T CAUGHT HIM, CORRECT?
LET'S JUST SAY COMMISSIONER PINKO IS TRYING HIS BEST!

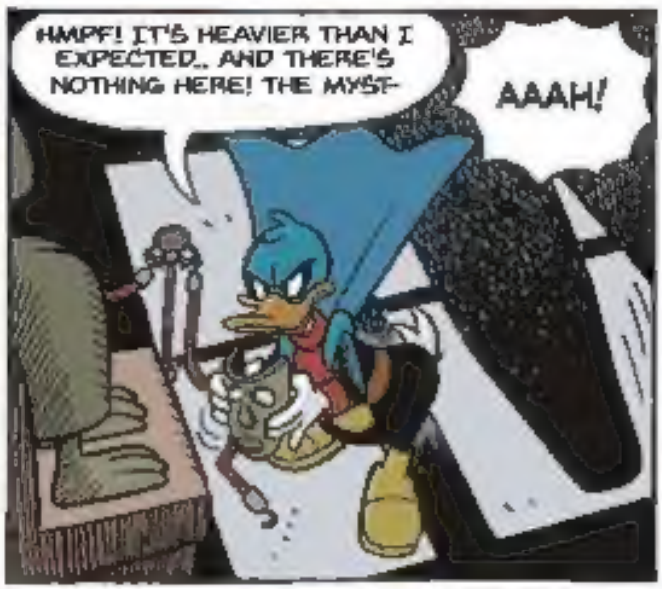
SOONER OR LATER I'LL GET HIM... ALORS!


THAT EVENING, AT THE LOUVRE...
WE'VE MADE IT! THE GUARDS PASSED BY WITH NO IDEA WE WERE IN HERE!
NOW WE CAN SAFELY SEARCH FOR THE TREASURE, IF IT TRULY EXISTS!
THAT WAS MUCH EASIER THAN I EXPECTED!
SO, THE LEGEND SAYS THAT THE TREASURE IS HIDDEN WITHIN BRUTFAGOR'S STATUE...
THEN LET'S GO SEE IF THAT OLD BRONZE FIGURE HOLDS ANY CLUES FOR US!
HERE WE ARE!
YEESH! IF THE MINIATURE COULD BE CALLED UGLY, THE REAL DEAL IS FAR WORSE!

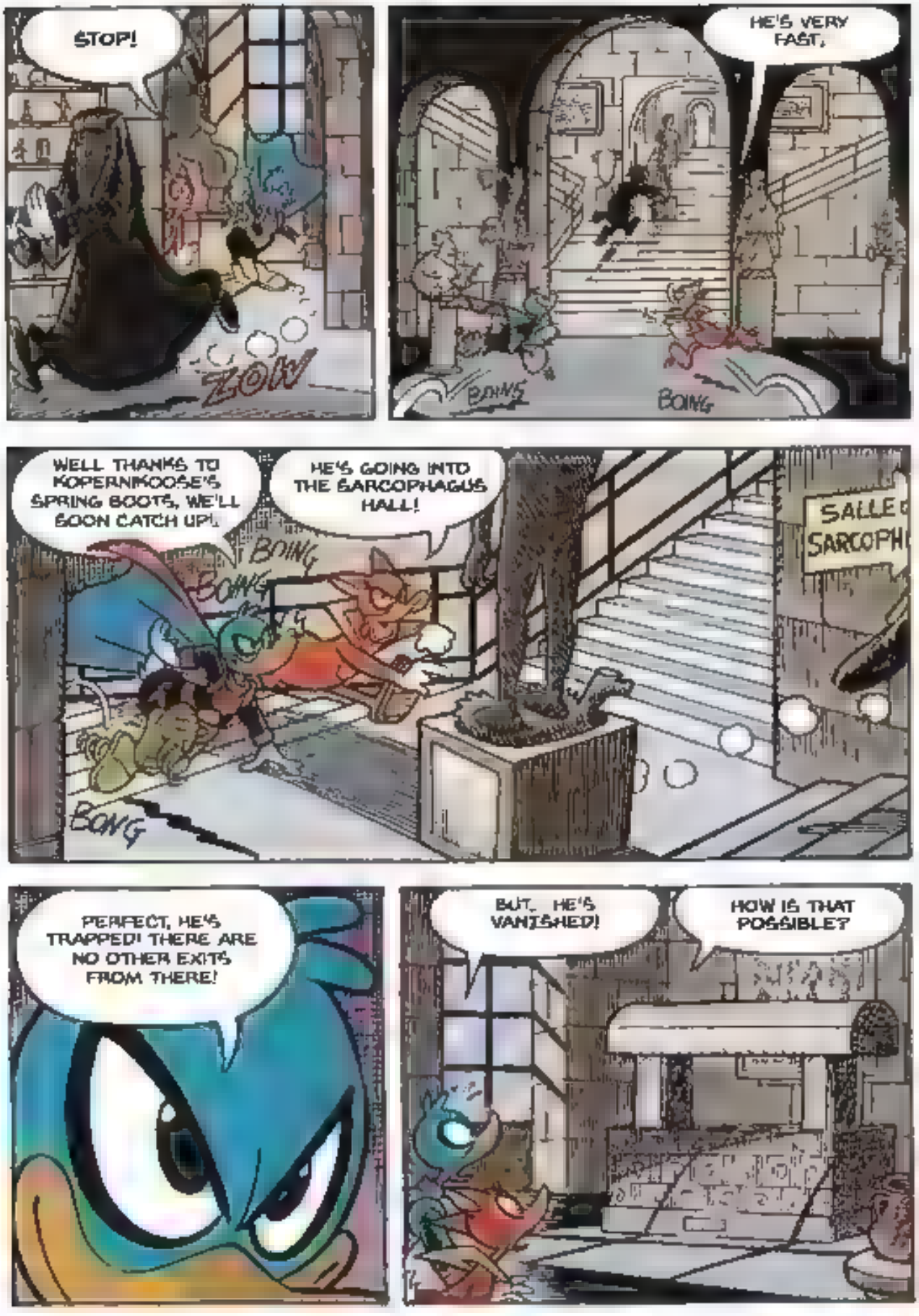
CHECK OUT THESE MARKS ON THE PEDESTAL!
SOMEONE MUST'VE BEEN TRYING TO MOVE IT WITH A LEVER!
BRUTFAGOR

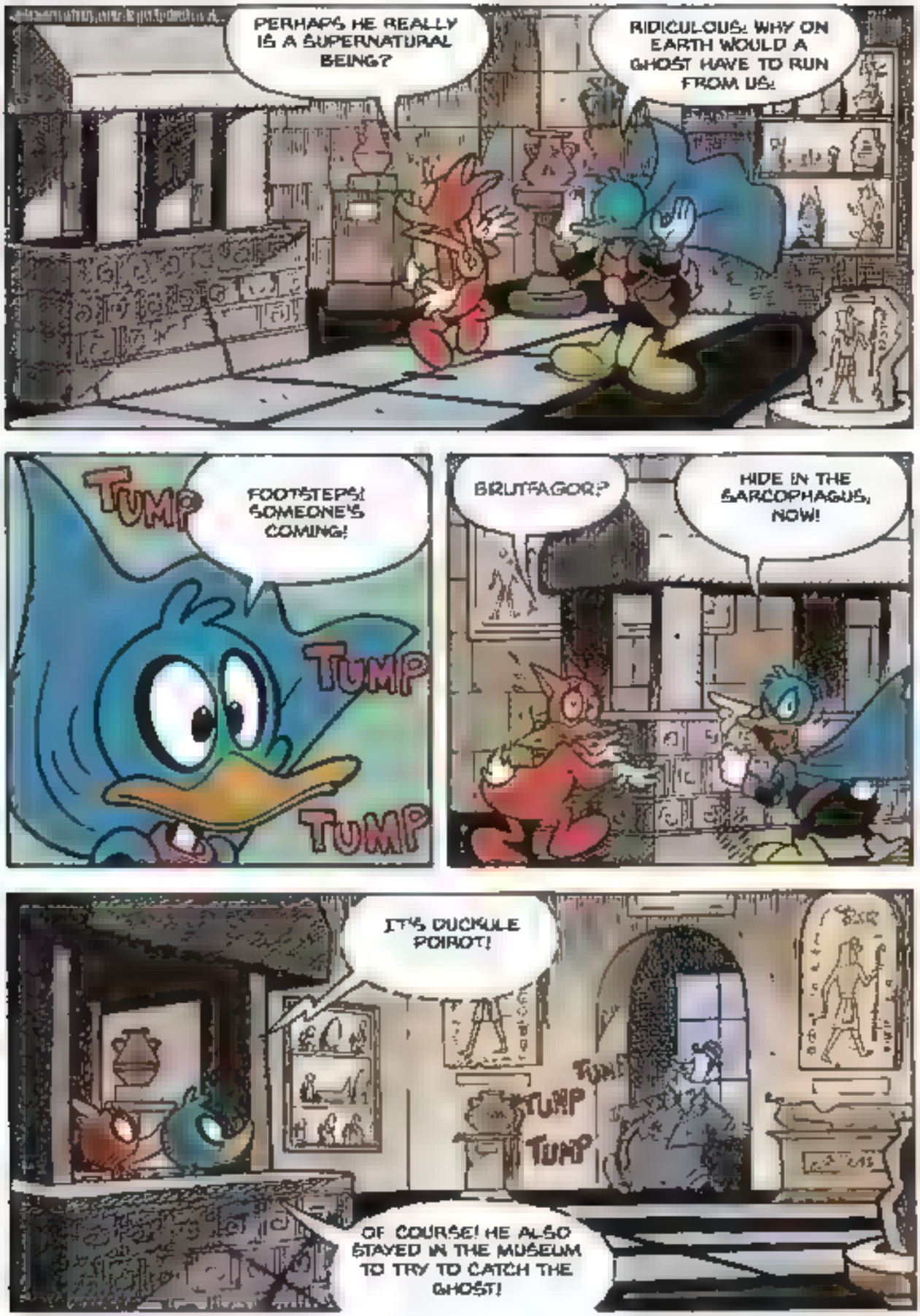
AND THESE SCRATCHES ON THE LEGS! SOMEONE MUST'VE USED A CHISEL!
CLEARLY THE "GHOST" HAS BEEN HERE SEARCHING IN VAIN!
BRUTFAGOR

BUT HE MISSED THAT THE BRONZE MASK HAS NOT BEEN WELDED INTO PLACE!
STAK


HMPF! IT'S HEAVIER THAN I EXPECTED... AND THERE'S NOTHING HERE! THE MYST-
AAAH!

BRUTFAGOR!
!
TUMP


STOP!
ZOW
HE'S VERY FAST.
BOING
BOING
WELL THANKS TO KOPERNIKOOSE'S SPRING BOOTS, WE'LL SOON CATCH UP!
HE'S GOING INTO THE SARCOPHAGUS HALL!
BOING
BOING
BOING
SALLE
SARCOPH
PERFECT, HE'S TRAPPED! THERE ARE NO OTHER EXITS FROM THERE!
BUT... HE'S VANISHED!
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?


PERHAPS HE REALLY IS A SUPERNATURAL BEING?
RIDICULOUS! WHY ON EARTH WOULD A GHOST HAVE TO RUN FROM US!
TUMP
FOOTSTEPS! SOMEONE'S COMING!
TUMP
TUMP
BRUTFAGOR?
HIDE IN THE SARCOPHAGUS, NOW!
IT'S DUCKULE POIROT!
TUMP
TUMP
TUMP
OF COURSE! HE ALSO STAYED IN THE MUSEUM TO TRY TO CATCH THE GHOST!

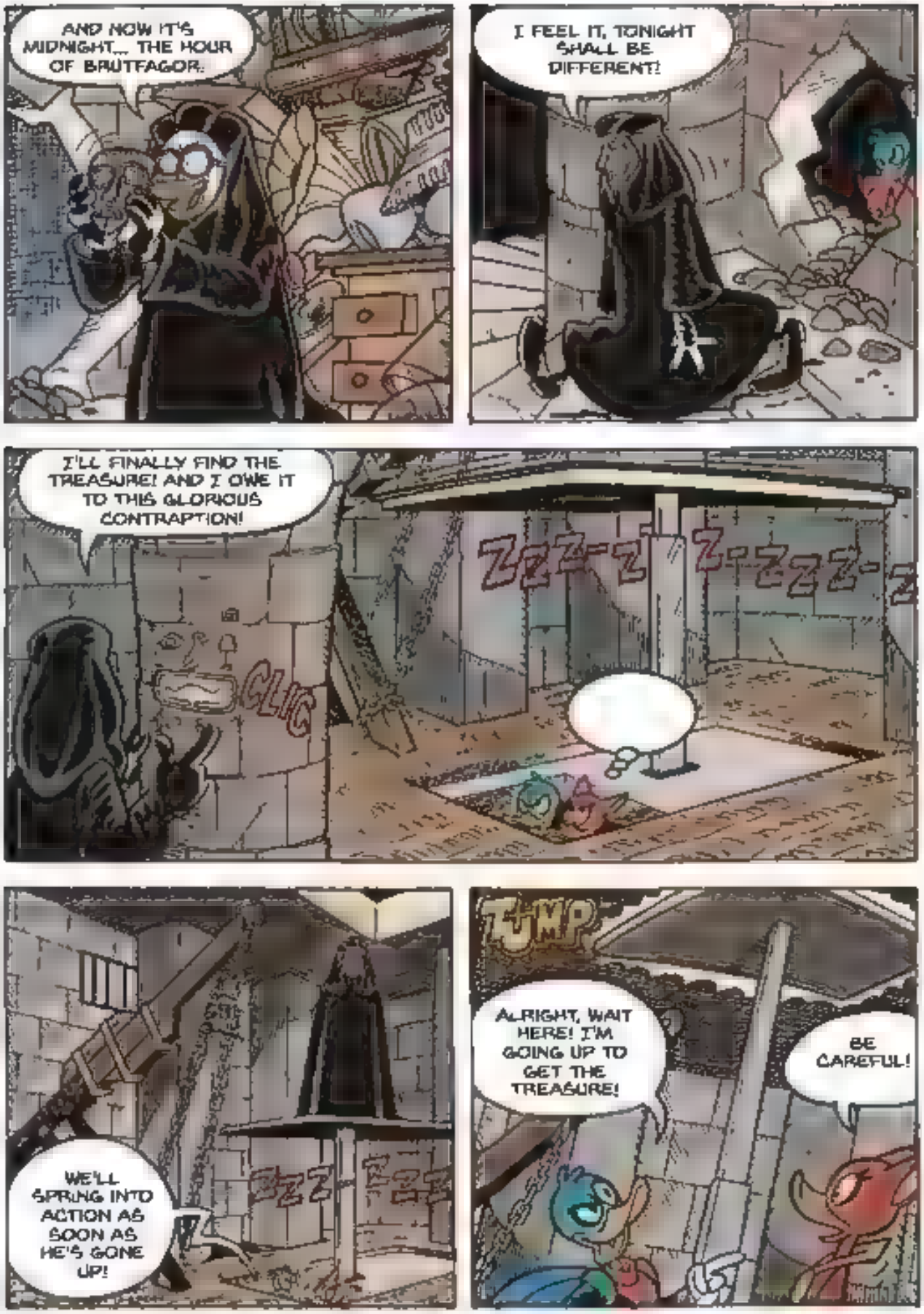
WHAT'S THIS?
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME SORT OF BUTTON!
CLIC
THE FLOOR IS LOWERING!
ZZZ

I THOUGHT I HEARD A NOISE, BUT I SUPPOSE I MUST'VE HEARD WRONG! OFF TO THE BRUTFAGOR STATUE IT IS, THEN!
OOH LA LA! THE MASK HAS FALLEN!
RATHER INTERESTING THAT IT COULD COME OFF SO EASILY!
MEANWHILE, BENEATH THE MUSEUM...
THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THIS BASEMENT! I WONDER HOW BRUTFAGOR LEAVES!
THERE'S STILL THE FALSE DOOR OF THE SARCOPHAGUS... HOLD ON, I WANT TO TEST SOMETHING!

HOW IMAGINATIVE! THE PANEL RISES BACK UP!
SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO BE TRAPPED DOWN HERE!
ZZZZZZ
NOT TRUE, MY DEAR! IT'S REVEALING A SECRET PASSAGEWAY!
I SEE, SO THE GHOST COMES AND GOES THROUGH HERE!
EXACTLY! AND WE SHALL FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS!
YOU REALLY WANT TO GO DOWN THAT HOLE?
IF IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR BRUTFAGOR, IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR US!
THE STAIRCASE APPEARS TO BE GOING BACK UP!
OH THANK GOODNESS!

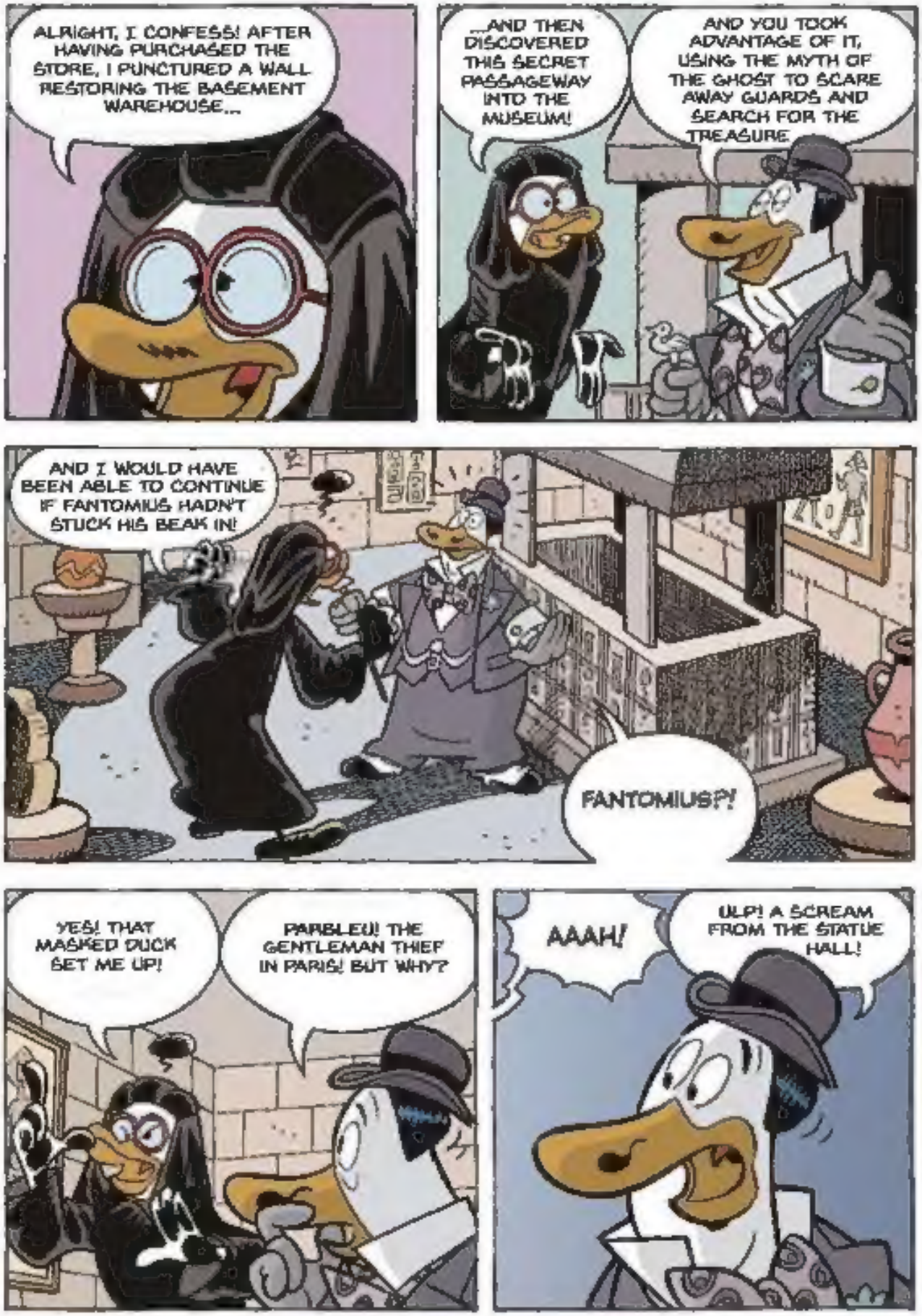
ULP!
SOMEONE'S BASHED A HOLE THROUGH THE WALL!
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
IT APPEARS TO BE A WAREHOUSE FULL OF OLD JUNK!
LOOK! MORE STAIRS!
GOOD! LET'S SEE WHERE IT LEADS!
I'M SURE WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT THE SECRET OF BRUTFAGOR!

BUT... THIS IS THE ANTIQUE SHOP NEXT TO THE LOUVRE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE ARE BACK IN BOREL'S DEN OF ANTIQUITIES.
AND NOW THAT WE'VE DISCOVERED WHAT HE TRULY IS, HE'S IN FOR A NICE SURPRISE. HEH HEH!
THE NEXT NIGHT...
DON DON DON
ANTIQUITÉS BOREL
RUE DU COLON
MUSÉE DU LOUVRE
HE'S FINALLY TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS!
LIKELY HE'S GONE INTO THE WAREHOUSE! LET'S GO!


AND NOW IT'S MIDNIGHT... THE HOUR OF BRUTFAGOR.
I FEEL IT, TONIGHT SHALL BE DIFFERENT!
I'LL FINALLY FIND THE TREASURE! AND I OWE IT TO THIS GLORIOUS CONTRAPTION!
CLIC
ZZZ-Z-Z Z-ZZZ-Z
WE'LL SPRING INTO ACTION AS SOON AS HE'S GONE UP!
ZZZ-ZZZ
TUMP
ALRIGHT, WAIT HERE! I'M GOING UP TO GET THE TREASURE!
BE CAREFUL!

SOON AFTER...
SACREBLEU! BRUTFAGOR!
MONSIEUR BRUTFAGOR, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!
!
STOP! PUFF... PANT!
ZOW
HA HA! TIME FOR ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE, JUST LIKE A GHO-
GASP!

ADIEU, BRUTFAGOR!
OH, NO!
I HAVE YOU, PANT... PUFF!
SIGH! YOU'VE WON!
NOW TAKE OFF THE MASK, MONSIEUR BOREL!
Y-YOU KNEW?
TAP TAP
ALL THANKS TO MY LITTLE GREY CELLS, MON AMI!
IN ORDER TO SEE SOMEONE WANDERING AROUND THE LOUVRE FROM YOUR SHOP, THEY'D NEED EXCELLENT VISION! BUT YOU ARE NEARSIGHTED!


ALRIGHT, I CONFESS! AFTER HAVING PURCHASED THE STORE, I PUNCTURED A WALL RESTORING THE BASEMENT WAREHOUSE...
...AND THEN DISCOVERED THIS SECRET PASSAGEWAY INTO THE MUSEUM!
AND YOU TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT, USING THE MYTH OF THE GHOST TO SCARE AWAY GUARDS AND SEARCH FOR THE TREASURE
AND I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTINUE IF FANTOMIUS HADN'T STUCK HIS BEAK IN!
FANTOMIUS?!
YES! THAT MASKED DUCK SET ME UP!
PARBLEU! THE GENTLEMAN THIEF IN PARIS! BUT WHY?
AAAH!
ULP! A SCREAM FROM THE STATUE HALL!

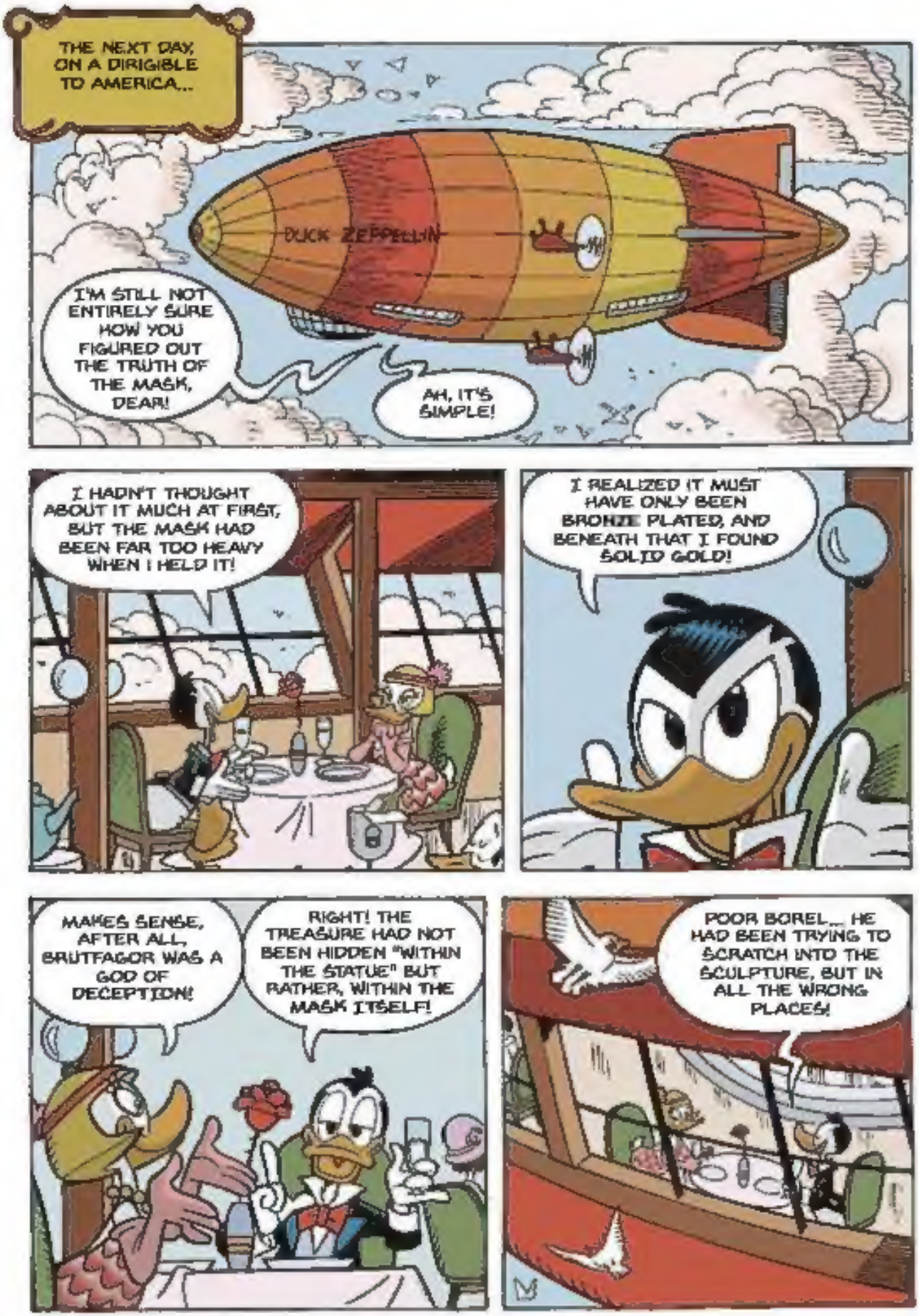
WHAT'S HAPPENED?
!
LOOK! SOMEONE'S TAKEN BRUTFAGOR'S MASK!

AND THEY'VE REPLACED IT WITH THE MASK OF FANTOMIUS!

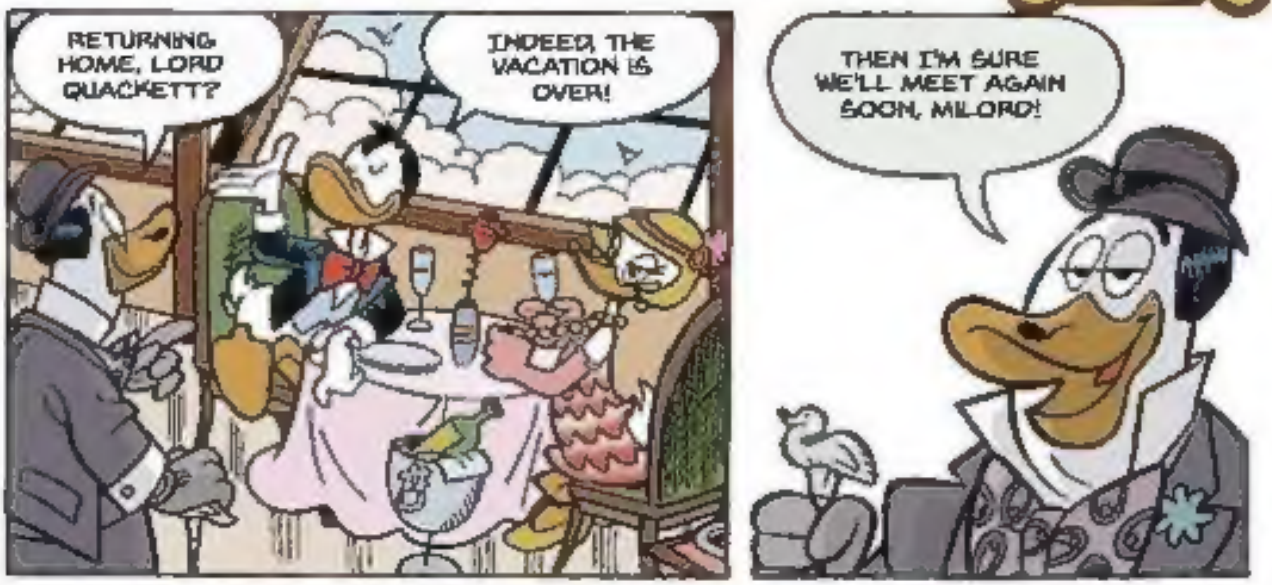
AND THEY LEFT THIS CALLING CARD!

FANTÔMIUS
LADRO GENTILUOMO
Je vous attends mon ami!*
I'M WAITING, MY FRIEND!

I DON'T GET IT! WHY WOULD HE STEAL A WORTHLESS BRONZE MASK?
HM...


THE NEXT DAY, ON A DIRIGIBLE TO AMERICA...
DUCK ZEPPELLIN
I'M STILL NOT ENTIRELY SURE HOW YOU FIGURED OUT THE TRUTH OF THE MASK, DEAR!
AH, IT'S SIMPLE!
I HADN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IT MUCH AT FIRST, BUT THE MASK HAD BEEN FAR TOO HEAVY WHEN I HELD IT!
I REALIZED IT MUST HAVE ONLY BEEN BRONZE PLATED, AND BENEATH THAT I FOUND SOLID GOLD!
MAKES SENSE, AFTER ALL, BRUTFAGOR WAS A GOD OF DECEPTION!
RIGHT! THE TREASURE HAD NOT BEEN HIDDEN "WITHIN THE STATUE" BUT RATHER, WITHIN THE MASK ITSELF!
POOR BOREL... HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO SCRATCH INTO THE SCULPTURE, BUT IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES!

ANOTHER PERFECT CRIME! NOBODY EVEN THINKS THAT WHAT WE'VE STOLEN IS OF ANY VALUE!
EH, EH!
DIN
OH LÀ LÀ! PETIT LE MONDE!*
DUCKULE POIROT?!
*IT'S A SMALL WORLD!


RETURNING HOME, LORD QUACKETT?
INDEED, THE VACATION IS OVER!
THEN I'M SURE WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOON, MILORD!

AFTER ALL, I'M HEADED TO DUCKBURG AS WELL!
A SHAME, I'M AFRAID THE BEST MUSIC IS IN CHICAGO, NEW YORK, AND NEW ORLEANS!
YOU MISUNDERSTAND, I'M GOING ON BUSINESS! I'M GOING TO CAPTURE FANTOMIUS!
FINE